

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9 and 10 as follows:

9. (Amended) An apparatus for punching holes through a moving transported continuous film comprising:

a framework,

[a plurality of rollers] at least one roller attached to said framework;

an optical encoder attached to the at least one roller [within said plurality of rollers];

[a] at least one punch assembly connected to said framework;

[a] at least one solenoid valve connected to said at least one punch assembly;

[a] at least one compressed air source connected to said at least one solenoid valve.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising[:

a plurality of solenoid valves connected to a plurality of punch assemblies; said plurality of punch assemblies connected to said framework;]

a computer communicably attached to said optical encoder and the at least one solenoid valve, wherein said computer actuates the at least one solenoid valve thereby actuating said at least one punch assembly [apparatus for punching holes through a transported continuous film].

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 9, 2002, the Examiner rejected Claims 9 and 10 and objected to Figure 3, the Abstract and various typographical errors in the specification. Claims 9 and 10 were rejected as being obvious in light of U.S. Patent No. 5,437,828 to Shimizu et al. Claim 10 was also rejected for being indefinite.